

Claim 4, Line 1: Delete "any one of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that" and insert --claim 3, wherein--.

Claim 5, Line 1: Delete "any one of claims 1 to 4, characterized in that" and insert --claim 4, wherein--.

Claim 6, Line 1: Delete "any one of claims 1 to 5, characterized in that" and insert --claim 1, wherein--.

Line 2: Delete "consists of" and insert --comprises--.

Claim 7, Line 1: Delete "any one of claims 1 to 6, characterized in that" and insert --claim 1, wherein--.

Claim 8, Line 1: Delete "any one of claims 1 to 7, characterized in that" and insert --claim 1, wherein--.

Claim 9, Line 1: Delete "characterized in that" and insert --wherein--.

Claim 10, Line 1: Delete "or claim 9, characterized in that" and insert --wherein--.

Line 3: After "AIX₃" delete "," and insert ---.

Line 4: Delete in its entirety.

Claim 11, Line 1: Delete "or claim 9, characterized in that" and insert --wherein--.

12. (Amended) A process for dimerization or oligomerization of at least one monoolefin, [characterized in that] ~~comprising contacting~~ said monoolefin [is brought into contact] with a catalytic composition according to [any one of claims 1 to 11] claim 1.

13. (Amended) A process according to claim 12, [characterized in that] wherein the pre-conditioning solvent for the catalytic composition [consists of] ~~comprises~~ a mixture of olefins [with] ~~having~~ a composition [analogous to] ~~approximating~~ that of the mixtures obtained by [the] ~~said~~ dimerization or oligomerization reaction.

Claim 14, Line 1: Delete "or claim 13".
Line 2: Delete "characterized in that" and insert --wherein--.

Please add the following claims:

-- 15. A process according to claim 12, wherein the pre-conditioning is conducted with stirring under an inert atmosphere at 0°C to 80°C for 1 minute to 5 hours, and the catalyst is then transferred to a reactor under an inert atmosphere.

16. A process according to claim 12, wherein the preconditioning is conducted with stirring under an inert atmosphere at 10° to 60° for 5 minutes to 1 hour, and the catalyst is then transferred to a reactor under an inert atmosphere.

17. A catalyst composition according to claim 3, wherein the halogenocarboxylic acid has a total of 2 to 20 carbon atoms and contains at least one halogen atom alpha to the -COOH group.

18. A catalyst composition according to claim 1, being devoid of ethylene, propylene and butene.

19. A catalytic composition according to claim 18, wherein pre-conditioning comprises mixing the three constituents in a hydrocarbon or halogeno-hydrocarbon solvent with stirring and in an inert atmosphere at a controlled temperature of 0°C to 80°C and for a duration of 1 minute to 5 hours.

20. A catalyst composition according to claim 19, wherein the pre-conditioning solvent comprises isohexenes.--